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New Literature

The most important books listed in these columns will receive notice in the book-review pages.

OLD TESTAMENT

BOOKS

McFADYEN, J. E. Ten Studies in the Psalms. New York: Young Men's Christian Association Press, 1907. Pp. ix + 116.

These are expository studies of Pss. 1, 11, 23, 39, 48, 49, 52, 90, 91, and 126. They are intended for and adapted to the needs of the average Bible-student. Each psalm is made the subject of seven days' study, but the author overcomes the difficulties of this mechanical sevenfold division of his subject fairly well. The book will suggest new points of view in Psalm-study to many minds.

KEYSER, CHARLES A. The Book of Jehovah. Quotation and Comment in Religion. Philadelphia: Griffith and Rowland Press, 1907. Pp. vii + 72.

GREENE, W. L. A Manual for Bible-Study. For use in Pastors' Training Classes, Young People's Bible Classes, Intermediate Sabbath-School Classes, and as a Guide to Home and Private Study. With Introduction by Rev. B. C. Davis. Plainfield, N. J.: American Sabbath Tract Society, 1907. Pp. 138. \$1.00.

LYMAN, A. J. A Plain Man's Working-View of Biblical Inspiration. New York: Eaton & Mains, 1907. Pp. 47. \$0.50.

A practically helpful presentation of a reasonable view of inspiration. It will be of value to many men. It may be questioned, however, (a) whether inspiration can be demonstrated by ratiocinative processes; (b) whether the kind of inspiration here posited will suit those who lay most emphasis upon this aspect of truth; (c) whether the argument will convince any but those who are eagerly desirous of being convinced.

HAUPT, PAUL. The Book of Nahum. A New Metrical Translation, with an Introduction, Restoration of the Hebrew

Text, and Explanatory and Critical Notes. Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins Press, 1907. Pp. 53. \$0.50.

This is the reprint of an article first published in *The Journal of Biblical Literature*, Vol. XXVI (1907). It will be of value only to the special student, and that too not for its main contentions, which are largely arbitrary, but for the abundance of materials brought together, especially on lexicographical and archaeological topics.

ENGEL, MORITZ. Wirklichkeit und Dichtung: Aufschlüsse in und zu 1. Mose 2-4; 6:1-14; 9:18-27; 11 und 12: 1-6. Ein Lebenswerk. Dresden: W. Baensch, 1907. Pp. x + 301 + 2 charts. M. 4.

This work is the product of the life-long interest of a German professor of law in biblical questions. It is an expansion of a work first published in 1885. Its method presupposes the historic-critical results of modern biblical science. Its chief purpose is to demonstrate that the story of Eden is not to be relegated to the realm of myth, but to be taken as representative of real, historical facts in the remote tribal life of the Semitic peoples; and to identify the site of the Garden of Eden with the oasis of Rachebe in the Harrā, eastward of the Haurān and southeast from Damascus. The book deserves full and careful consideration from all interested in and qualified to pass upon these historical and geographical problems.

ARTICLES

MARGOLIOUTH, D. S. The New Papyri of Elephantine. *The Expositor*, December, 1907, pp. 481-94.

This article gives a translation of the most important one of the Aramaic documents found at Assouan last spring by Mr. Rubensohn, and a study of the synchronisms of the document with the records of Ezra-Nehemiah, Josephus, and Diodorus.

COOK, S. A. The Jewish Temple of Yahu, God of the Heavens, at Syene. *Ibid.*, December, 1907, pp. 497-505.

A digest of the contents of the three Aramaic papyri from Assouan which have just been published by Sachau.

DEISSMANN, A. The Philology of the Greek Bible: Its present and Future. *Ibid.*, December, 1907, pp. 506-20.

A critical résumé of the recent literature on the grammar and lexicography of the Septuagint by one of the best authorities in this field.

NEW TESTAMENT

BOOKS

OESTERLEY, W. O. E., and BOX, G. H. The Religion and Worship of the Synagogue. An Introduction to the Study of Judaism from the New Testament Period. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1907. Pp. xvi+443. \$3.00.

WARFIELD, B. B. The Lord of Glory. A Study of the Designations of Our Lord in the New Testament with especial reference to His Deity. New York: American Tract Society, 1907. Pp. xiv+332. \$1.50 net.

An examination of the designations applied to Jesus in the Synoptics, John, Acts, Paul, Hebrews, the Catholic Epistles, and the Apocalypse satisfies Professor Warfield that all the New Testament writers, beginning with Mark, held his person to be supernatural and divine in the fullest sense. The result is "to throw into prominence the unitary presupposition by the entire New Testament of the deity of our Lord." In some matters, one feels that Professor Warfield has been too easily convinced, e. g., in his treatment of "lord," and that his finding is too sweeping in consequence.

LAGRANGE, M. J. The Jewish Military Colony of Elephantine Under the Persians. *The New York Review*, December, 1907, pp. 129-44.

A popular summary of the contents and significance of the first group of Aramaic papyri discovered at Assouan. An interesting conjecture of the author is that the Jewish colony in Assouan was made up of men liable to military service under the Persians.

WENDLAND, PAUL. Die hellenistisch-römische Kultur in ihrer Beziehungen zu Judentum und Christentum. [Handbuch zum Neuen Testament.] Tübingen, Mohr, 1907. Pp. iv+94. 12 Plates. M. 3.20.

Hellenism in its relations to Judaism and Christianity, Gnosticism and Syncretism are the main themes of this second part of Wendland's valuable survey of Graeco-Roman civilization in its relations to Christianity. This work promises to be the most concise and intelligent treatment of this subject available.

LIETZMANN, HANS. Die Briefe des Apostels Paulus. I. An die Korinther I. [Handbuch zum Neuen Testament.] Tübingen, Mohr, 1907. Pp. 84 (164). M. 1.60.

This fasciculus presents the analysis of I Cor., a new German translation of it, and full and excellent exegetical notes. The introduction and practical treatment will be found in other parts of the series.